

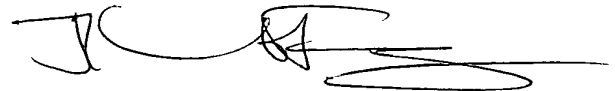
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is requested, prior to examination.

After entry, Claims 26-29 are now pending, with Claim 26 being the sole independent claim.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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